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TOPIC Military Information from Gera 616880EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 16 February 1954REFERENCES [REDACTED]PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]REMARKS [REDACTED]

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 23 January 1954, the Reuss Kaserne, Gera, was occupied by about 1,500 to 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Between 18 and 23 January, an undetermined number of troops almost daily received individual training with rifles, submachine guns and AT guns in the barracks yard. On 19 and 20 January, about 150 troops were drilling and another 80 to 100 troops received instruction on 10 x 100 mm AT guns. 8 x 76.2-mm AT guns in the barracks area.

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2. On 23 January, the Panzer Kaserne in Tinz was occupied by about 200 troops. On 18 January, an undetermined number of troops received training in close-combat destruction of tanks. On the same day [REDACTED] 3 tanks and 4 trucks [REDACTED] in the barracks yard.

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3. On 20 January, the Reuss Kaserne was occupied as previously. On 15 January, 3 prime movers, each towing a 100-mm AT gun [REDACTED] and truck [REDACTED] entered the installation from the direction of Mainberg. At about 3 p.m., they were followed by about 80 troops carrying spades and shovels. In the morning on 16 January, about 150 troops engaged in the construction of permanent field positions in the Mainberg training area. On 18 January, an undetermined number of troops practiced aiming at the athletic field, while prime movers [REDACTED] each towing a 100-mm AT gun, entered the installation from the direction of Langenberg.

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4. On 20 January, the Panzer Kaserne in Tinz was occupied as previously. On 18 January, about 30 troops were seen drilling in the barracks yard and, on 20 January, about 15 troops serviced 2 T-34/35 tanks. Trucks [REDACTED]

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[redacted] loaded with furniture, entered the installation. [redacted] 25X1
 Soviet officer families with furniture kept arriving at the installation since 15 January. 25X1

5. On 17 January, the Reuss Kaserne was occupied by about 3,300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia. Between 13 and 17 January, troops observed in the barracks area engaged in drill, gas defense instruction, physical training, and motor vehicles and clothing inspections. Other troops engaged in advanced combat practices with 100-mm AT guns in the woods near Gera and Zeitz. On 14 January, 9 prime movers [redacted] 25X1
 and 11 trucks, occupied by about 200 troops [redacted]

Left the installation toward the Zeitz Forest. 25X1

6. On 17 January, the Panzer Kaserne in Tinz was occupied by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. About 50 percent of the windows of the installation were lighted after nightfall. [redacted] 25X1

7. On 22 January, 3 half-track vehicles, each towing a 100-mm AT gun, engaged in driving practice on the autobahn, about 6 km east of Gera toward Ronneburg. Three half-track vehicles [redacted] 25X1
 and towing heavy guns; and 1 truck occupied by 20 troops were seen en route toward the training area, coming from Gera.

Comment. [redacted] the 25X1
 installations mentioned are occupied as previously. [redacted]

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